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REMARKS

Claims 1-25 have been amended to correct minor informalities without being narrowed. Such amendments to claims are only for the purpose of expediting the prosecution of this application and are not to be construed as an abandonment of any of the novel concepts disclosed therein.

2, 3. Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to overcome the minor informalities.  
4. Claims 5-19 and 23-25 have been amended where appropriate to avoid having a multiple dependent claim depend from another multiple independent claim.

5. The allowability of claims 1-25 is noted.  
6, 7. The statement of reasons for allowance is noted. While the reasons for allowance are sound, there are other reasons that support the patentability of the claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments correcting minor informalities and the allowability of all the claims, all the claims are submitted to be in a condition for allowance, and notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a \$210.00 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, Order No. 04735-003US1.

Respectfully submitted,  
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